AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the last paragraph at page 26, bridging to page 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Also, site-specific mutation can be introduced easily by the use of commercially available kits. Examples of such kits include Mutan®-G Mutagenesis Kit (manufactured by Takara Shuzo) in which the gapped duplex method is used, Mutan®-K Mutagenesis Kit (manufactured by Takara Shuzo) in which the Kunkel method is used, Mutan®-Express Km Mutagenesis Kit (manufactured by Takara Shuzo) in which the ODA (Oligonucleotide-directed Dual Amber) method is used and QuickChange® Site-Directed Mutagenesis Kit (manufactured by STRATAGENE) in which primers for mutation use and Pyrococcus furiosus DNA polymerase are used, as well as TaKaRa BIOMEDICALS LA PCR in vitro Mutagenesis Kit (manufactured by Takara Shuzo) and Mutan®-Super Express Km in vitro Mutagenesis Kit (manufactured by Takara Shuzo) (based on ODA method utilizing the advantage of LA (Long and Accurate) PCR technology) as kits in which PCR is used.

Please replace the last full paragraph of page 76 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Using the diglycosidase preparations derived from various microorganisms shown in Example 5, their ability to hydrolyze various disaccharide glycosides was examined using TLC. As a result, it was revealed that the diglycosidase acts upon not only the primeveroside glycosides but also various other disaccharide glycosides analogous to the primeveroside glycosides, including rutinose glycosides such as naringin and rutin, gentiobiose glycosides,

arabinofuranosyl glycosides and apiofuranosyl ~~aviofuranosyl~~ glycosides, and thereby releases disaccharides and produces respective free aglycons.